

High School's first film festival captures interest



FILM JUDGES: Ken Walker, James Motuk and Andrew Grant.

Acton High School hosted its very first student film festival on Thursday, June 3. The evening featured 12 student films in a variety of genres ranging from black-and-white silent films, to epic war films.

The audience was honoured by the presence of three celebrity judges: Andrew Grant of C.O.R.E. Feature Animation and formerly of George Lucas' special effects company, Industrial Lights and Magic; Ken Walker from Sheridan College's Com-

puter Animation Faculty; and James Motluck, an established documentary filmmaker and recipient of the Canadian Media Human Rights Award.

At the end of the evening, the judges presented all the films with special awards. Student director, Jeremy Mersereau, of Exploding Pants Productions was honoured by several awards, including Best Comedy for his latest film, *The Perils of Instantaneous Monetary Satisfaction*.

Mersereau was thrilled to be a part of the event, and said "this is an excellent opportunity for any student aspiring to be in the film industry. It gives

us a chance to get some real compliments and criticisms."

Festival Co-ordinator and MC for the evening, Laura Stevenson commented on the difficulty of organizing such an event: "(Mrs. Ross) and I had little to no experience between us, but all our hard work really came together in the end. Already, several people have requested that we make this an annual event."

Staff Advisor for the festival, Jennifer Ross, added, "The evening had a wonderful feel. It was an event organized by students for students!"

J. Hayward

Meeting to introduce CHP's Pat Woode

The Christian Heritage Party is holding a meet the candidate night for their Wellington/Halton Hills riding candidate Pat Woode at the Rockwood library on Monday, June 14 at 7:30 pm.

Pat Woode has long been a social activist since she graduated from Ryerson University in 1968. Born in 1946, the third daughter of a family of six children, she was hospitalized for a year at age five with Bulbar polio on both legs, arms and back.

Mrs. Woode's infirmities have not stopped her from being involved in a number of activities. As an advocate for persons with disabilities she was called to deal with many levels of government making a number of presentations, writing letters



PAT WOODE

and lobbying. She sat as a committee member on two previous committees on the revised Ontario Building Code and an advocacy program for the province.

In 1988 she focused on the environment issues such as stopping the dumping of garbage in Acton quarries. She has been a member of the Family Coalition Party of Ontario Lobbying on may issues including abortion and homosexuality.

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